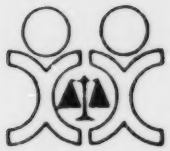
THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL

AID COMMISSION



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May It Please Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1987.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Schmidt
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Dear Sir:

It is my pleasure to forward to you the thirteenth Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission in accordance with Section 38(1) of **The Legal Aid Act**, depicting the affairs of the Commission in the 1986/87 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Quentin Agnew, Q.C., Acting Chairman,
The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission.

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FOREWORD

The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Plan formally came into existence with the proclamation of *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act, 1974* on the 20th day of August, 1974.

This Act was subsequently amended by *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act*. The implementation of the Act remained the responsibility of various community groups charged with the delivery of quality legal services in their respective areas.

On September 1, 1983 *The Legal Aid Act* was proclaimed and *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act* was repealed. This new Act places the responsibility for direct delivery of legal services with the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission.

Section 38(1) of *The Legal Aid Act* provides that:

"The commission, shall in accordance with *The Tabling of Documents Act*, prepare and submit to the minister:

(a) a report respecting the conduct of the business and affairs of the commission for its immediately preceding fiscal year

(b) a financial statement showing the business of the commission for such fiscal year, in such forms as may be required by Treasury Board."

This, the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission is prepared in accordance with that provision and reflects the affairs of the commission for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 1986 and ending March 31, 1987.

ACTING CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission received a legislative appropriation of $6,264,750 for 1986/87, a 2.4% increase over the previous year.

Formal meetings of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission were held on the following dates:

April 18, 1986
May 23, 1986
May 28, 1986
June 20, 1986
August 8, 1986
September 19, 1986
October 17, 1986
November 21, 1986
December 19, 1986
January 23, 1987
March 20, 1987

During 1986/87 three Commissioners were appointed — Evelyn Gamble, Duck Lake; Jo-Ann Badley, Regina; and Paulette Vanderlinde, Regina. Mark Swartout of Yorkton resigned.

Jack Hillson, formerly of Melville, was appointed Legal Director at The Battlefords Area Office in October 1986.

In the spring of 1986, a formal evaluation of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission was begun. This is a requirement of the Federal/Provincial Cost Sharing Agreement concerning Legal Aid. The DPA Group Inc., was retained by the Federal Department of Justice to carry out this evaluation. A final report is expected early in 1988.

The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics funded a Feasibility and Requirements Study for The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission Management Information System. This study began late in the fiscal year with a report expected in June 1987.

The Commission developed an awareness program during the year in review and had a wide distribution of posters and brochures.

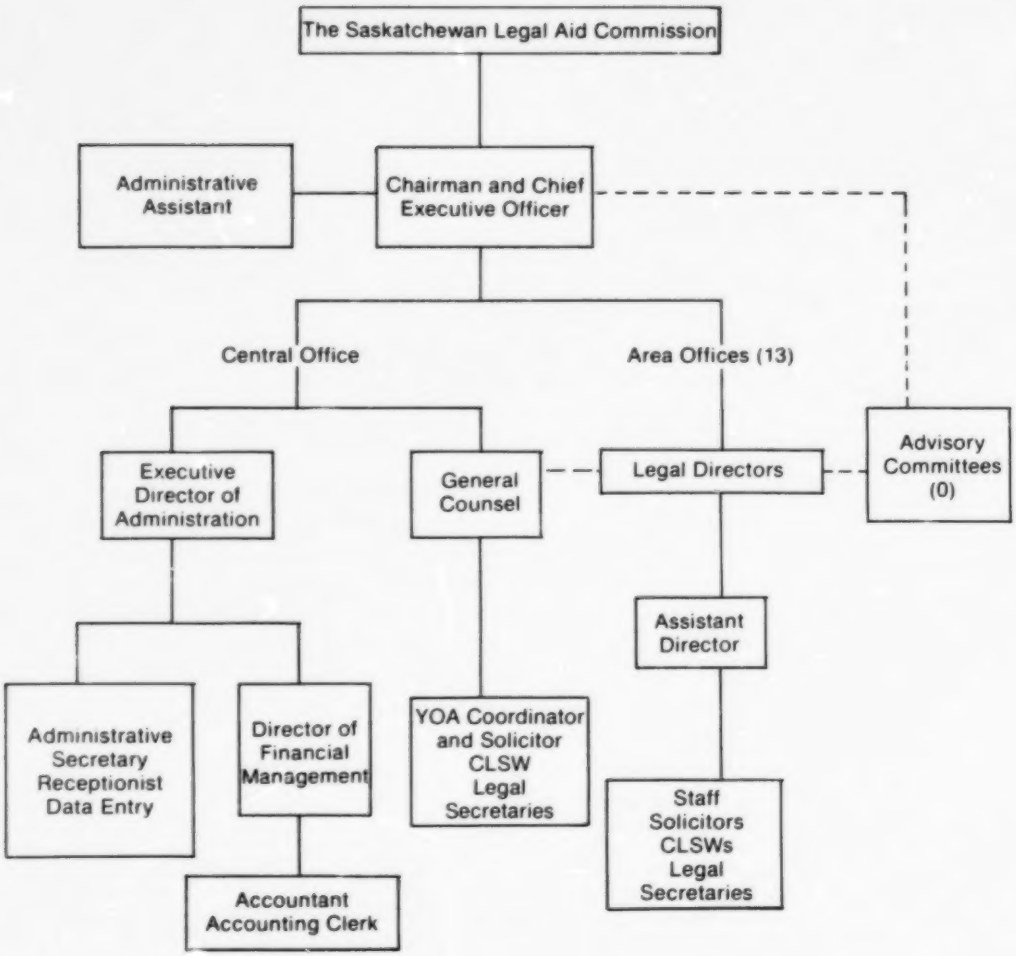
At the end of the reporting year, the Commission was reviewing its Regulations which did come into effect in April 1987.

Information concerning the 1987/88 budgetary appropriation was not available at the end of the 1986/87 fiscal year; however, the Commission anticipated the continuation of the restraint program it has been under for the past five years.

Ian J. Wilson, Chairman of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission submitted his resignation, in order to participate in the Early Retirement Program, effective June 30, 1987. Mr. Wilson has served with the Provincial Government for almost 37 years, the last seven years, 10 months, with The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission. Under his leadership, the Commission stabilized and functioned in a most productive, responsible, effective and efficient manner, bearing in mind the constraints of budget.

A. Quentin Agnew, Q.C.,
Acting Chairman

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



THE COMMISSION

With the proclamation of *The Legal Aid Act* on September 1, 1983, the Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission was continued as a body corporate under the name of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission. The persons appointed as members of The Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission and the person appointed as Chairman of the commission continue as members and chairman respectively of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission until such time as new members and a new chairman are appointed pursuant to the Act. The Commission consists of eleven members as follows:

(a) three members appointed by the chairmen of the advisory committees at a meeting of the chairmen;
(b) two members of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, nominated for the purpose by the benchers of the society;
(c) one member who is a member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan appointed by the Attorney General of Canada;
(d) four members who are not members of the Law Society of Saskatchewan appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
(e) one member who is an employee of the Department of Justice appointed by the minister.

Those members who served on the Commission during the 1986-87 fiscal year were.

IAN J. WILSON, Chairman, Saskatoon. Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council September 1, 1979.

PAULETTE VANDERLINDE, School Principal, Regina. Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council September 3, 1986.

JO-ANN BADLEY, Management/Administrative Consultant, Regina. Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council September 3, 1986.

EVELYN GAMBLE, Guidance Counsellor, Duck Lake. Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council September 3, 1986.

JAMES BENNING, Department of Justice, Regina. Appointed by the Minister January 14, 1980.

A. QUENTIN AGNEW, Barrister and Solicitor, Saskatoon. Appointed by the Attorney General of Canada November 7, 1979.

WILFRID TUCKER, Barrister and Solicitor, Saskatoon. Appointed from the Law Society of Saskatchewan January 1, 1986.

MORRIS BODNAR, Barrister and Solicitor, Saskatoon. Appointed from the Law Society of Saskatchewan September 16, 1983.

GUS LOUISON, Community Worker and Chairperson of the P.A. & District Community Legal Services Society, Prince Albert. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards June 11, 1983.

GREG WALEN, Barrister and Solicitor and Chairperson of the Saskatoon Legal Assistance Clinic Society, Saskatoon. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards April 30, 1983.

MARK SWARTOUT, Community Worker and Chairperson of the Parkland Legal Services Inc., Yorkton. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards April 30, 1983. Resigned October 31, 1986.

DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission shall:

(a) to the extent that funds are appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, provide legal services to persons and organizations in respect of civil and criminal matters where those persons and organizations are financially unable to secure those services from their own resources;
(b) establish and describe the boundaries of legal aid areas and may alter or modify the boundaries of any area;
(c) prepare and submit annually to the minister, in any form that he may require, an estimate of its financial requirements for the next following fiscal year;
(d) establish, after consultation with the Law Society of Saskatchewan, a tariff of fees pursuant to which solicitors, other than solicitors employed by the commission, shall receive remuneration for their services rendered under the Act;
(e) make the required payment for services rendered by solicitors in accordance with the tariff of fees established under clause (d);
(f) evaluate or cause to be evaluated the legal services rendered pursuant to the Act;
(g) provide to the minister any information that he may require on any matter respecting the provision of services pursuant to the Act;
(h) establish and maintain a panel of solicitors for the purposes of the provision of legal services.

POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

Subject to the Act and the regulations, the Commission may:

(a) establish procedures to determine the eligibility of applicants for legal services;
(b) employ solicitors or other persons for the purpose of providing legal services under the Act and appoint a solicitor to act as general counsel to the commission;
(c) maintain a legal aid office in each area;
(d) establish guidelines, procedures and requirements pursuant to which solicitors or other persons retained under the Act shall provide legal services;
(e) employ persons to administer the Act;
(f) use full-time university law students in providing legal services, but a student so used shall be supervised by a solicitor and shall not appear as counsel in any superior or surrogate court.
(g) by means of advertising or otherwise, inform the public with respect to the nature and extent of legal services available under the Act;
(h) initiate, conduct and participate in any public legal education and other programs that the commission considers advisable to achieve the purposes of the Act;
(i) advance any money that the commission considers appropriate to an advisory committee to assist that committee in carrying out its powers and duties under the Act;
(j) encourage and assist, by means of grants or otherwise, the programs of any full-time undergraduates of a college or faculty of law of a university of Canada recognized by the University of Saskatchewan where those programs have objects consistent with the purposes of the Act;
(k) delegate any powers of the commission to the chairman;
(l) do any other things that are necessary, incidental or conducive to carrying out the Act according to its intent.

ELIGIBILITY AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

The object of the Act is to provide legal services to persons and organizations in respect of civil and criminal matters where those persons and organizations are financially unable to secure those services from their own resources.

Following the proclamation of *The Legal Aid Act* in September 1983 the Commission continued to use the Regulations of *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act.* The Regulations outlining the financial criteria are:

"2 (1) Subject to the Act, an applicant is eligible to receive legal services under the Plan:

(a) when he receives all or part of his income pursuant to social assistance;

(b) when he does not receive any of his income pursuant to a program of social assistance and he has an income equal to or less than that which he would be entitled to receive under social assistance; or

(c) when the obtaining of legal services outside the plan would reduce the income of an applicant to a point whereby he would become eligible for the benefits under social assistance;

(2) A client who is eligible pursuant to subsection (1)(c) may be required by the commission to make a contribution towards the payment of the costs of the legal services rendered on his behalf;

(3) Contributions are payable to the commission and their amount shall be fixed by an eligibility officer;

(4) No contribution shall be in an amount so large as to reduce the income of the applicant to a level where he would be eligible for social assistance;

(5) A group, organization or society, the membership of which is predominantly eligible persons, shall also be eligible to receive legal services under the plan;

(6) An applicant shall not be required to dispose of his principal place of residence or assets necessary to maintain his livelihood."

The Regulations of *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act,* with respect to the scope of services are as follows:

"3 (1) Except as otherwise provided in the Act or in these regulations, a client may receive legal services under the plan in respect of any proceedings or proposed proceedings, or proceedings reasonably anticipated by him,

(a) in any court or other tribunal in Saskatchewan;

(b) in any Federal Court of Canada;

(c) in the Supreme Court of Canada; or

(d) in any court or other tribunal in Canada with the written approval of the chairman;

(2) Subject to the Act and these regulations, a client may receive appropriate and proper legal services under the plan in respect of drawing documents, negotiating settlements, or giving advice or assistance or supplying information where the subject matter or nature thereof affects the legal rights of the applicant;

(3) With respect to offences set out under Section 21 of the Act, and with respect to offences under an act of the Legislature of Saskatchewan, when the crown appeals a decision by a court, a solicitor acting for a client may continue to act for that client;

(4) Other legal services shall not be taken to appeal without the prior consent of the chairman or such person as he may have designated in writing for that purpose."

Effective October 1, 1983, the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission adopted a formal policy concerning the Range of Legal Services. The Range of Services is summarized as follows:

1. Criminal Law Matters:

   A great many, but not all, legal services are provided.

   (a) services for serious offences under the Criminal Code (indictable) and other Federal Laws;

   (b) summary conviction offences when there is a likelihood of imprisonment or loss of livelihood;

   (c) a lawyer for offences under the *Young Offenders Act;*

   (d) appeals to a higher court under certain conditions.

2. Civil Law Matters:

   Most legal services in civil law will be restricted to Family Law.

   (a) Divorce — contested or uncontested
   (b) Custody
   (c) Access
   (d) Maintenance
   (e) Child Protection
   (f) Restraining Orders

   Other civil law services will only be considered if the applicant's livelihood is in danger, or where the applicant may suffer extraordinary hardship.

3. In some areas of the Province (such as the North), legal aid to meet special needs may be provided.

4. In addition, summary advice and information may be provided to anyone about a wide range of matters if they involve no more than a brief interview or telephone call.

Note: *Revised Regulations came into force April 23, 1987.*

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION OF APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN — APRIL 1, 1986 to MARCH 31, 1987

APPEALS AGAINST DENIAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICES

Area Office	Range of Service	Professional Discretion	Fiscal	Total	Denied	Allowed
The Battlefords	1	1	5	7	4	3
Central	0	1	0	1	1	0
Meadow Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melfort	2	0	3	5	4	1
Moose Jaw	0	0	3	3	3	0
Northern	0	1	0	1	1	0
Prince Albert	0	0	5	5	4	1
Regina City	0	7	3	10	9	1
Regina Rural	0	2	0	2	1	1
Saskatoon City	1	10	3	14	8	6
Saskatoon Rural	0	1	0	1	0	1
South East	0	2	0	2	1	1
Swift Current	2	0	5	7	6	1
Yorkton	0	2	0	2	0	2
TOTALS	6	27	27	60	42	18
ALLOWED IN EACH CATEGORY	0	9	9			

COMPLAINTS — DISSATISFACTION ABOUT SERVICES, ETC.

Area Office	Total	Founded	Unfounded
The Battlefords	1	1	0
Central	1	0	1
Meadow Lake	1	0	1
Melfort	0	0	0
Moose Jaw	0	0	0
Northern	2	0	2
Prince Albert	5	1	4
Regina City	7	0	7
Regina Rural	1	1	0
Saskatoon City	13	2	11
Saskatoon Rural	3	3	0
South East	2	0	2
Swift Current	4	1	3
Yorkton	5	0	5
TOTALS	45	9	36

SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION
APPLICATIONS BY AREA OFFICE
1986-87

	Battlefords	Meadow Lake	Melfort	Moose Jaw	Northern	Prince Albert
Applications Received	1857	1578	1143	1287	2586	2991
Full Service Applications — Adult	1022	842	660	913	1584	2123
Full Service Applications — Young Offenders	260	159	183	157	441	456
Summary Advice	505	524	256	196	541	290
Reciprocal — Referred to other Provinces	7	0	1	6	2	6
Applications Rejected	71	55	46	25	22	119

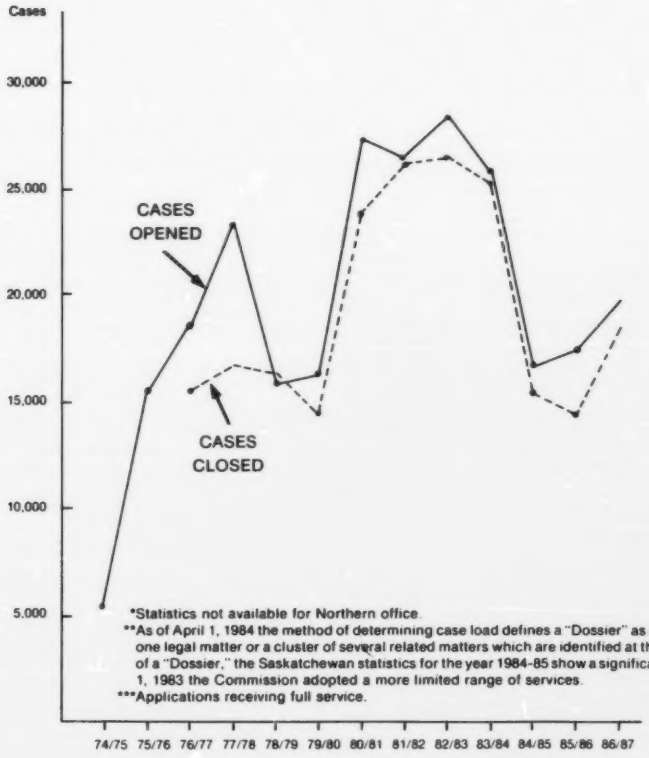
SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION
COMPLETED DOSSIERS BY AREA OFFICE
1986-87

	Battlefords	Meadow Lake	Melfort	Moose Jaw	Northern	Prince Albert	Regina City
CRIMINAL MATTERS*							
Homicide	1	2	1	3	3	9 (2)	35 (5)
Sexual Offences	1	2 (1)	2 (2)	—	2	2	2 (1)
Sexual Assaults	15 (2)	12 (2)	13 (3)	7 (3)	32 (13)	18 (4)	50 (10)
Other Assaults	148 (19)	93 (5)	85 (7)	61 (14)	367 (54)	214 (23)	339 (63)
Robberies	4 (3)	5 (2)	1	3 (2)	19 (3)	15 (4)	126 (34)
Theft, B & E, Possession	315 (154)	207 (84)	237 (130)	237 (103)	542 (257)	548 (219)	1254 (530)
Fraud, False Pretences	29 (2)	16 (2)	29 (6)	40 (4)	17 (3)	74 (10)	185 (10)
Breath & Impaired	90 (7)	148 (7)	125 (9)	56 (4)	142 (7)	199 (9)	101 (9)
Vehicle Offences	20 (4)	18 (1)	8 (2)	10 (4)	31 (2)	29 (6)	28 (4)
Other Criminal Code	181 (41)	84 (14)	102 (22)	83 (15)	422 (76)	325 (56)	489 (194)
Narcotic, Food & Drug	18	8 (1)	18 (3)	33 (2)	24 (1)	41 (3)	70 (10)
Other Federal	19 (17)	12 (8)	2	9 (6)	35 (23)	52 (39)	29 (26)
TOTAL	**841 (249)**	**607 (127)**	**623 (184)**	**542 (157)**	**1636 (439)**	**1526 (375)**	**2708 (896)**
PROVINCIAL STATUTES							
Liquor/Liquor Licensing	2	5	—	2	16	5	—
Wildlife/Parks	4	5	2	—	1	2	—
Vehicle	9	95	13	2	36	28	4
Other	3	15	2	—	11	6	—
TOTAL	**18**	**120**	**17**	**4**	**64**	**41**	**4**
FAMILY							
Separation	42	21	24	96	13	85	140
Divorce	76	30	50	97	39	111	222
Custody	73	33	28	20	33	94	165
Child Protection	22	13	14	13	29	50	63
Access	11	4	12	4	7	15	69
Filiation Proceedings	26	8	6	35	7	13	17
Maintenance	121	26	40	52	66	84	166
Restraining Orders	1	4	—	—	6	2	3
Other	7	7	12	16	7	18	38
Appeals	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
TOTAL	**379**	**146**	**187**	**334**	**207**	**472**	**883**
CIVIL							
Litigation	—	8	—	9	6	16	7
Non Litigation Tribunals	1	6	—	3	23	8	—
Administrative	—	2	—	—	1	2	—
Appeals	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Other	3	19	9	27	42	10	21
TOTAL	**5**	**35**	**9**	**40**	**72**	**36**	**28**
GRAND TOTAL	**1243**	**908**	**836**	**920**	**1979**	**2075**	**3623**

*Bracketed figures indicate the number of Young Offenders dossiers within each count.

Regina City	Regina Rural	Saskatoon City	Saskatoon Rural	South East	Swift Current	Yorkton	Central Office	Total	Percentage of Applications Received
5830	1501	4305	1474	645	557	1773	296	27823	
2752	1028	2692	738	267	280	944	71	15908	57%
901	136	604	110	56	37	241	2	3751	14%
2097	301	693	614	310	215	533	221	7296	26%
21	2	14	2	2	5	7	0	75	
80	41	317	7	15	25	58	2	883	3%

Regina Rural	Saskatoon City	Saskatoon Rural	South East	Swift Current	Yorkton	Central Office	Total Completed Dossiers by Legal Aid Staff	Total Completed Dossiers by Private Bar	Percentage of Total
8	10 (1)	1	—	—	5	1	79 (8)	26	
5	7 (4)	1	—	4	2 (1)	—	30 (9)	1	
12 (2)	31 (7)	9 (3)	5	3 (1)	11 (2)	4 (3)	222 (55)	16	
92 (13)	328 (67)	47 (9)	28 (5)	15 (4)	96 (17)	19 (1)	1932 (301)	29 (2)	
20 (2)	79 (23)	2	3	1 (1)	8 (4)	2 (1)	288 (79)	19 (6)	
173 (71)	1023 (434)	179 (60)	68 (36)	60 (16)	376 (156)	20 (1)	5239 (2251)	88 (33)	
25	142 (12)	27	8 (1)	5	46 (5)	5	648 (55)	4	
74 (7)	93 (5)	65 (3)	29 (1)	18 (3)	146 (14)	1	1287 (85)	1	
58 (2)	18 (3)	25 (2)	10 (2)	3	6	1	265 (32)	4 (1)	
106 (22)	412 (149)	80 (19)	30 (10)	28 (4)	151 (50)	18 (3)	2511 (675)	32 (13)	
20 (2)	45 (8)	19 (5)	4	11 (3)	24 (22)	—	335 (60)	5	
4 (2)	17 (14)	4 (1)	1 (1)	1	1	1 (1)	187 (138)	—	
597 (123)	**2205 (727)**	**459 (102)**	**186 (56)**	**149 (32)**	**872 (271)**	**72 (10)**	**13023 (3748)**	**225 (55)**	**71%**
6	3	1	—	1	—	—	41	—	
—	—	—	—	—	2	—	16	—	
54	2	5	2	—	—	—	250	—	
2	1	1	—	—	—	—	41	—	
62	**6**	**7**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**—**	**348**	**—**	**2%**
30	39	13	3	19	72	3	600	—	
80	265	88	33	63	89	15	1258	2	
64	202	119	20	16	49	18	934	14	
13	35	12	—	1	1	2	268	3	
31	23	28	2	5	4	3	218	5	
4	13	14	28	8	19	1	199	2	
54	108	92	35	29	38	4	915	4	
1	7	7	3	1	1	1	37	—	
6	17	38	5	2	6	1	180	4	
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	
284	**709**	**411**	**129**	**144**	**279**	**48**	**4612**	**34**	**25%**
3	—	6	1	—	—	—	56	—	
—	1	1	—	—	—	—	43	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	
10	2	10	4	10	18	—	185	—	
13	**3**	**17**	**5**	**10**	**18**	**—**	**291**	**—**	**2%**
956	**2923**	**894**	**322**	**304**	**1171**	**120**	**18274**	**259**	**100%**



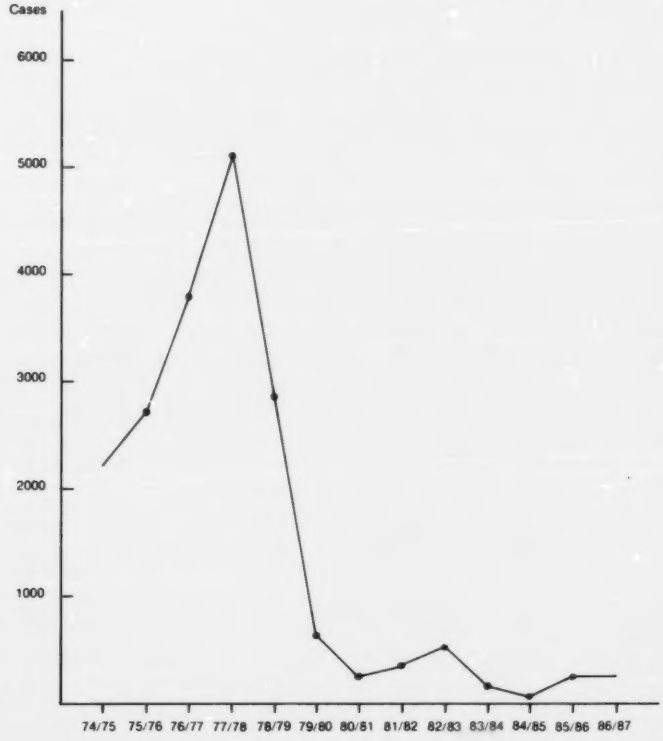
CASE STATISTICS FOR LEGAL AID STAFF 1974-1987

	OPENED	CLOSED
1974/75	5172	Not Available
75/76	15546	Not Available
76/77	18478	15359
77/78	23245	16755
78/79	15904*	16177
79/80	16250*	14313
80/81	27204	23912
81/82	26167	26066
82/83	28314	26400
83/84	25946	25086
84/85	16767**	15301
85/86	17385***	14469
86/87	19659***	18274

*Statistics not available for Northern office.

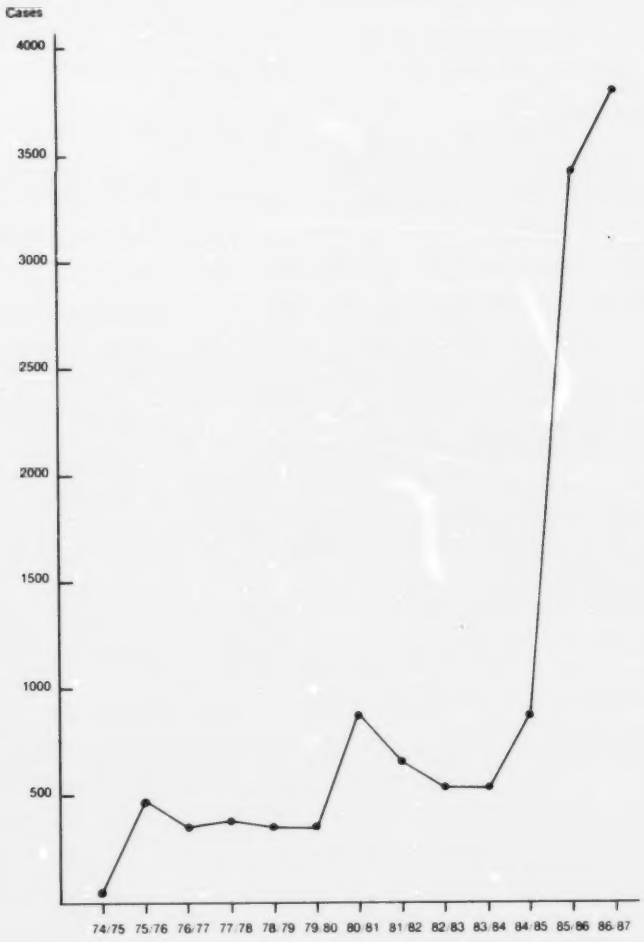
**As of April 1, 1984 the method of determining case load defines a "Dossier" as an approved application for which a file has been opened. The "Dossier" consists of one legal matter or a cluster of several related matters which are identified at the time that an applicant seeks legal aid services. In following the national definition of a "Dossier," the Saskatchewan statistics for the year 1984-85 show a significant decrease chiefly because of the change in definition but also because on October 1, 1983 the Commission adopted a more limited range of services.

***Applications receiving full service.



CASES COMPLETED BY THE PRIVATE BAR 1974-1987

	Number of Cases	$
1974/75	2200	221,266
75/76	2719	392,635
76/77	3797	646,664
77/78	5131	984,107
78/79	2843	824,770
79/80	625	145,301
80/81	253	113,166
81/82	378	195,130
82/83	525	407,820
83/84	156	211,606
84/85	54	68,218
85/86	249	115,107
86/87	259	129,542



JUVENILE DELINQUENT ACT/ YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT STATISTICS

1974/75	31
75/76	472
76/77	347
77/78	385
78/79	355
79/80	360
80/81	886
81/82	659
82/83	529
83/84	533
84/85	882*
85/86	3411**
86/87	3751**

*Young Offenders Act proclaimed for 12-15 year olds.
**16 & 17 year olds included.

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

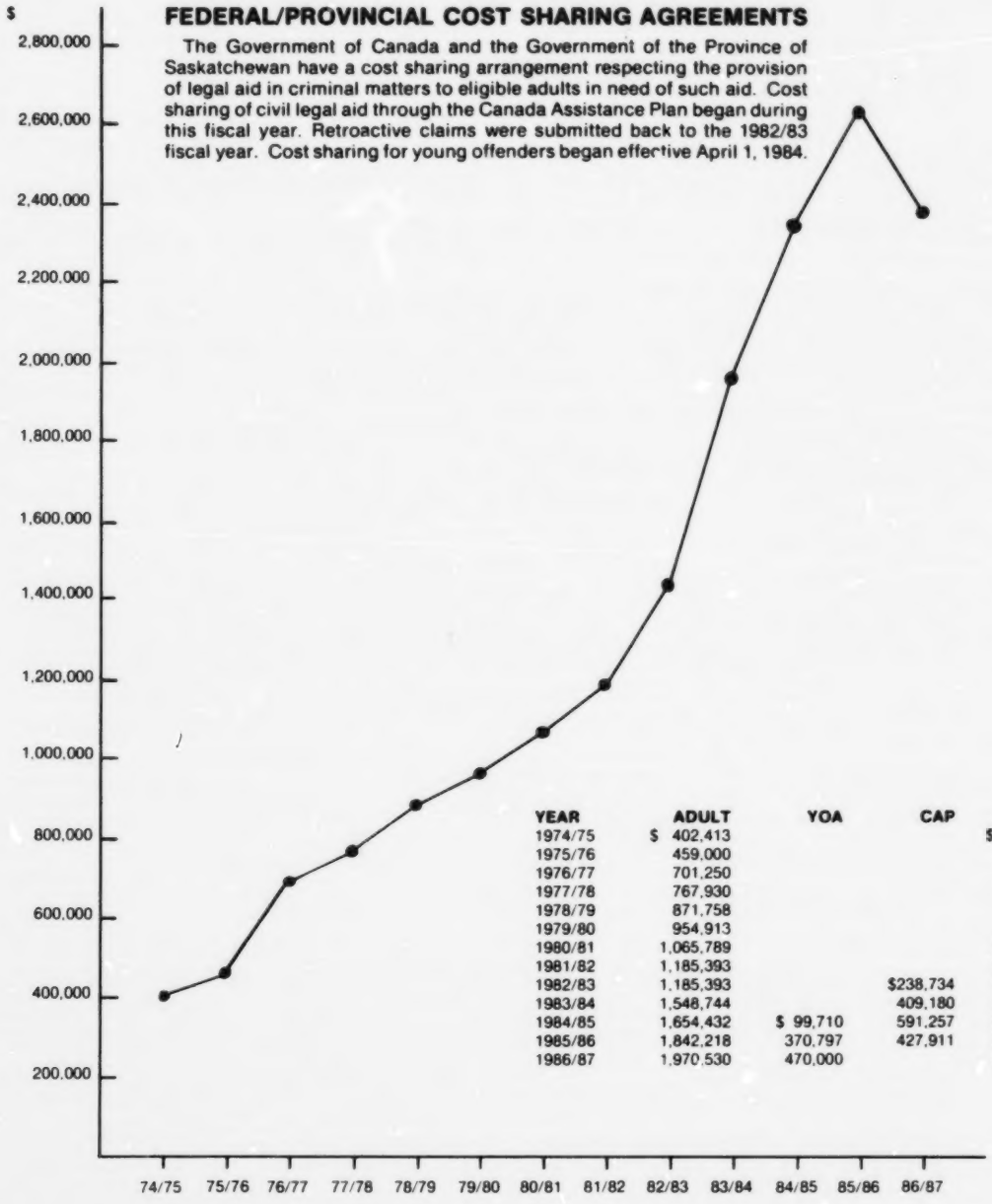
Number of Files Opened For Year Ending March 31, 1987

MENTAL HEALTH REGION	
Battlefords	82
Moose Jaw	73
Prince Albert	128
Regina	243
Saskatoon	210
Swift Current	27
Weyburn	26
Yorkton	58
TOTAL	847

On April 1, 1986 the new *Mental Health Services Act* became law. As part of the provisions, the proposition of Official Representative was created in order to impart information with regard to patient rights to those patients who are involuntarily committed for treatment to Mental Hospitals in Saskatchewan. These Official Representatives are staff members of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission and they provide these services in the Mental Health Regions throughout the province.

FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL COST SHARING AGREEMENTS

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Province of Saskatchewan have a cost sharing arrangement respecting the provision of legal aid in criminal matters to eligible adults in need of such aid. Cost sharing of civil legal aid through the Canada Assistance Plan began during this fiscal year. Retroactive claims were submitted back to the 1982/83 fiscal year. Cost sharing for young offenders began effective April 1, 1984.



YEAR	ADULT	YOA	CAP	TOTAL	
1974/75	$ 402,413			$ 402,413	
1975/76	459,000			459,000	
1976/77	701,250			701,250	
1977/78	767,930			767,930	
1978/79	871,758			871,758	
1979/80	954,913			954,913	
1980/81	1,065,789			1,065,789	
1981/82	1,185,393			1,185,393	
1982/83	1,185,393		$238,734	1,424,127	
1983/84	1,548,744		409,180	1,957,924	
1984/85	1,654,432	$ 99,710	591,257	2,345,399	
1985/86	1,842,218	370,797	427,911	2,640,926	(Interim)
1986/87	1,970,530	470,000		2,440,530	(Interim)

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS
1974-1987

On September 1, 1983 when *The Legal Aid Act* came into force, the employees of a board under *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act* were deemed to be employees of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission.

	74/75	75/76	76/77	77/78	78/79	79/80	80/81	81/82	82/83	83/84	84/85	85/86	86/87
Barristers & Solicitors	17	33	34	39	34	49	57	57	59	55	54	58	57
Paralegals	4	19	23	23	15	21	23	25	25	25	29	28	32
Administrative & Support Staff	45	62	57	59	55	61	63	61	62	55	52	54	53
TOTAL	**66**	**114**	**114**	**121**	**104**	**131**	**143**	**143**	**146**	**135**	**135**	**140**	**142**

RECIPROCITY 1986/87

The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Plan participates in a nation wide agreement among the provinces to provide legal services to eligible applicants resident in other provinces. Those referrals are statistically reflected in the following table:

REFERRED TO:	AB	BC	MB	NB	NS	NF	NWT	ON	QB	YK	TOTAL
Access	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Child Apprehension	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Custody	12	9	6	—	—	—	—	9	1	—	37
Divorce	11	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	16
Maintenance	7	1	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	13
TOTAL	33	15	15	—	1	—	—	10	1	—	75

REFERRED FROM:	AB	BC	MB	NB	NS	NF	NWT	ON	QB	YK	TOTAL
Access	6	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	10
Child Apprehension	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Children of Unmarried Parents Act	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Civil Problem	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Criminal	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Custody	16	7	5	—	1	—	1	2	1	1	34
Divorce	17	5	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	30
Guardianship	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Land Titles Search	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Maintenance	4	6	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	14
TOTAL	49	19	25	—	1	—	2	3	4	1	104

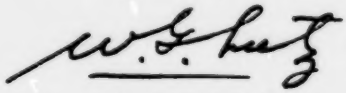
REFUSED:	Refused from within province	19
	Refused from other provinces	23
	TOTAL	42

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have examined the balance sheet of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission as at March 31, 1987 and the statement of revenue, expenditure, and operating surplus for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Commission as at March 31, 1987 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.



Regina, Saskatchewan,
May 7, 1987.

W.G. Lutz, F.C.A.,
Provincial Auditor.

THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION

BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31

ASSETS	1987	1986
Current		
Cash	$ 22,283	$ 137,439
Accounts receivable	1,352	6,168
Prepaid expense	102,130	93,163
Total current assets	125,765	236,770
Fixed — at cost (Note 1)		
Furniture and equipment	398,586	381,904
Library	723,850	685,310
Total fixed assets	1,122,436	1,067,214
	$1,248,201	$1,303,984
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 126,837	$ 163,598
Equity		
Equity in fixed assets	1,122,436	1,067,214
Operating surplus	(1,072)	73,172
Total equity	1,121,364	1,140,386
	$1,248,201	$1,303,984

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, AND OPERATING SURPLUS

Year Ended March 31

	1987	1986
Revenue:		
Consolidated Fund appropriation	$6,264,750	$6,115,990
Contractual revenue	100,000	—
Other	81,127	70,098
	6,445,877	6,186,088
Expenditure:		
Salaries and employee benefits	5,434,035	5,111,620
Administrative and operating expenses (Schedule 1)	545,848	487,175
Provision of legal services	129,542	142,558
Other legal expenses	110,187	104,429
Travel	196,679	193,112
Library and equipment purchases	103,830	78,348
	6,520,121	6,117,242
Excess of revenue over expenditure (expenditure over revenue)	(74,244)	68,846
Operating surplus, beginning of year	73,172	4,326
Operating surplus, end of year	$ (1,072)	$ 73,172

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 1987

1. **Accounting Policies**

a) **Revenue**

The following are included in revenue for the Commission:

i) sums required for the purposes of the Commission as appropriated by the Legislature and received by the Commission less any unexpended funds remaining from the legislative appropriation for a fiscal year unless otherwise authorized by Treasury Board;

ii) compensation received pursuant to a contractual agreement with the Department of Health to provide official representative services;

iii) other miscellaneous receipts.

b) **Fixed Assets**

The Commission utilizes fund accounting wherein expenditures for fixed assets appear in the statement of revenue and expenditures. To maintain accountability for fixed assets, it is necessary to record them as a balance sheet asset with a corresponding entry to "Equity in Fixed Assets." Because fixed asset purchases are included in the statement of revenue and expenditure, no provision has been made for depreciation of the fixed assets.

2. **Incorporation**

The Legal Aid Act came into force on September 1, 1983 by Order in Council 1275/83 and continued The Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission as a body corporate under the name of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to provide legal services in criminal and civil proceedings or matters to persons and organizations financially unable to secure those services from their own resources.

3. **Office Rent**

During the fiscal year accommodation for all offices of the Commission was provided by the Department of Supply and Services and accordingly no rent is paid for the use of that space. Neither the value of this benefit nor the costs related to this space are reflected in the financial statements.

THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES

Year Ended March 31

	1987	1986
Telephone	$188,382	$181,142
Other operating expenses	125,116	107,909
Contractual services	87,133	68,871
Stationery and office supplies	62,191	52,413
Periodicals	55,361	54,131
Photocopying	27,665	22,709
Total administrative and operating expenses (Statement 2)	$545,848	$487,175

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)